

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claim 6. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-8 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art (hereinafter AAPA) in view of Rosenberg et al (hereinafter Rosenberg) (US 2005/0207361 A1). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims.

The Applicant's invention claims, in claim 1, a method for routing a service request to a user. A service request that contains a first identifier is determined to relate to a stored collection of identifiers. The Applicant's invention obtains a plurality of identifiers from the stored collection and selects a second identifier from the plurality of identifiers. The second identifier is selected with a format that comprises a user-name portion containing the first identifier.

The Applicant has reviewed the cited portion of Rosenberg, paragraphs [0038] through [0042], and respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's interpretation as applied to steps d) and e) of Applicant's claim 1. Rosenberg, in the cited portion, merely discloses the use of SIP when modifying and terminating associations between Internet end systems (para [0014]). The cited portion explains the advantages of SIP but, does not disclose receiving a service request comprising a first identifier and then selecting a second identifier from among a plurality of identifiers in a stored collection of identifiers. The Detailed Action recites an example that purports to be a second identifier, "phone_number@gateway". The Applicant respectfully disagrees. The example is noted as one of the forms that SIP uses for a party identifier, not as a selected second identifier that is included in the user-name portion.

Further, Rosenberg teaches away from obtaining a plurality of identifiers related to a given identifier (see para [0046]. The Applicant respectfully submits that the obtained identifier does not comprise a user-name portion that contains the first identifier. This being the case, neither the AAPA nor Rosenberg, individually or in combination teaches or suggests the limitation of selecting a second identifier and including the first identifier in the user-name portion of the second identifier. The applicant respectfully requests the allowance of claim 1. Claim 5 and amended claim 6 are independent claims that are analogous to claim 1 and contain similar limitations.

Claims 2-3 and 8 depend from the subject independent claims and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of the independent claims. Therefore, the allowance of claims 1-3 and 5-7 is respectfully requested.

Claims 4 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art (hereinafter AAPA) in view of Rosenberg et al (hereinafter Rosenberg) (US 2005/0207361 A1) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Dalgic et al. ("True number portability and advanced call screening in a SIP-based IP telephony system", hereinafter Dalgic). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims.

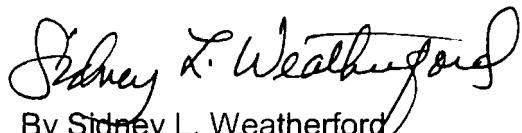
The Dalgic reference discloses an experimental system for using a PDA and a SIP-etherphone for forwarding a call to the SIP-etherphone where the owner of the PDA was registered most recently. Dalgic does not teach or suggest selection of a second identifier with a format that comprises a user-name portion containing a first identifier. Since claims 4 and 8 depend from claims 1 and 6 respectively and contain the limitations of these independent claims and neither AAPA nor Rosenberg teach or suggest these limitations, the Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of claims 4 and 8.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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